

Scholarships Available from the GMHA for Junior Riders with Competitive Goals

The Green Mountain Horse Association is excited to announce that we have received a large grant from the Chichester DuPont Foundation towards the continuation and expansion of our youth education programs, aimed at junior equestrian facing financial hardships. As part of this grant, GMHA is launching a new Competition Scholarship Program. **This new program's goal is to provide financial assistance to hard-working junior riders in need which will allow them to compete or participate in an event at GMHA.** Scholarship funds may be designated for GMHA clinics, shows, or educational events.

As the leading equestrian facility in New England, GMHA is home to some of the top competitive and educational events in five different disciplines. GMHA is committed to promoting horsemanship through the education of young equestrians. We feel that quality competitive opportunities are a vital part of any equestrian's development.

Through this new scholarship, we hope to enable junior equestrians to:

- Pursue and potentially achieve their equestrian goals.
- Develop and improve their horsemanship skills in a competitive environment.
- Observe and compete with equestrians at the top levels of the sport.
- Have an invaluable "away" bonding experience with their horse or pony.
- Meet and form lasting relationships with other equestrians.

As an educational organization, GMHA is committed to making it possible for qualified applicants to receive the highest possible level of support. All junior riders and drivers (18 years of age and under) who are GMHA Members are eligible to apply for scholarship awards. **Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need and the quality and completeness of the application.**

Applications must include documentation of financial need, two letters of recommendation, and two personal references, in addition to written responses to application questions. Scholarship awards may only be used towards entry, clinic, or stabling fees at GMHA events. The scholarship committee may designate awards to certain events deemed appropriate based on the application. Notification of the award will include any event specific restrictions.

2009 Competitive Scholarships will be awarded for on a rolling basis- we strongly encourage applicants to submit an application as soon as possible. For more details, please download a scholarship application from our website, www.gmhainc.org. Please contact GMHA Event Director Karey Manner at kmanner@gmhainc.org or (802) 457-1509, ext. 203 with any questions.